

TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROJECT SUMMARY

PROJECT TITLE	COMBATING WORST FORMS OF CHILD LABOR THROUGH EDUCATION AND LIVELIHOOD INTERVENTIONS IN EGYPT
REGION/COUNTRY	MENA/Egypt
PROJECT DURATION	December 31, 2010 – December 31, 2014
FISCAL YEAR & FUNDING LEVEL	FY 2010: USD 9,500,000
PROBLEM TO BE ADDRESSED	At least seven percent of Egyptian children ages 5 to 14 work instead of attending school, and another 6 percent are combining work and school. The majority of working children are in rural areas, where children commonly work in agriculture. These children often work long hours and with little or no training on safety precautions for work with toxic pesticides.
TARGETS	The project targets 8,000 children for withdrawal and 8,000 children for prevention from the worst forms of child labor in agriculture. Beneficiaries will be targeted in the key governorates of Sohag, Assiut, Fayoum, Minya, and Sharqiyah. In addition, the project will provide livelihoods support to 5,000 targeted households.
PROJECT OBJECTIVES	<p>To combat child labor, with special attention to the worst forms of child labor in agriculture, through improved child labor policy and legislation, and the promotion of educational opportunities for children and sustainable livelihoods for vulnerable households.</p> <p>Intermediate objectives include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provide direct educational services to children and provide sustainable livelihoods for target households;• Support national institutions to review and revise legislation on child labor and promote education and sustainable livelihoods;• Raise awareness on child labor and its root causes and mobilize stakeholders to improve and expand educational opportunities;• Support research and the collection of reliable data on child labor and its root causes as well as effective strategies to address it.

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SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES

- Expand and enhance formal and non-formal education, including vocational education and apprenticeship programs, for targeted children;
- Establish new community schools in targeted governorates and provide infrastructure improvements to existing schools;
- Offer incentives and livelihoods support to working and at-risk children and targeted families to eliminate the root causes of child labor, including take-home food rations, school feeding, income-generation training for mothers, and micro-savings groups;
- Provide technical support, advocacy, and capacity-building initiatives to governmental institutions and NGOs to improve policies and legislation.
- The project has provided education services to 20,040 children who were engaged in or at high-risk of entering exploitative child labor; and has provided livelihood services and income diversification to 3,753 households as of March 31, 2014.

GRANTEE

United Nations World Food Program (WFP)

IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS

UNICEF, ILO, non-governmental organizations, and community-based organizations.

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